

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the excavation and filling of wetlands and open water in Caroline County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: September 11, 2015 to October 10, 2015

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Blackwood Capital, LLC; 7301 Boulder View Lane, North Chesterfield, Virginia 23225; VWPP No. 15-0386

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Blackwood Capital, LLC has applied for a new permit for the “Ladysmith Road Commercial Development.” The project is located in the southwest quadrant of the intersection of Ladysmith Road (Route 639) and Green Road, approximately a half mile east of the Town of Ladysmith in Caroline County, Virginia. The permit will allow the applicant to develop an approximately 41 acre site to construct a commercial development and associated infrastructure. The proposed activity will result in the permanent impact to 2.43 acres of palustrine emergent wetland and 0.25 acre of open water. The activity proposed in the permit will affect an unnamed tributary to the South River in the York River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. To compensate for the affected area, the applicant will purchase 2.43 wetland credits from a DEQ approved mitigation bank that is authorized to sell credits to the permitted impact site and/or the Virginia Aquatic Resources Trust Fund. DEQ’s preliminary decision is to issue the permit.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Christoph Quasney; Northern Regional Office, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia 22193; Phone: (703) 583-3826; [E-mail: Christoph.Quasney@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:Christoph.Quasney@deq.virginia.gov); Fax: (703) 583-3821. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed below.